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GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

Quality People. Quality Projects.

November 2, 2011

Councilman Ernest Martin, Chair
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City Council, City and County of Honolulu
Kapolei Hale, 1000 Uluohia Street
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Subject: **RESOLUTION 11-328 (2011): INITIATING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU 1973, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY. CITY COUNCIL MEETING, NOVEMBER 2, 2011 (10:00 A.M.)**

Dear Chair Martin, Vice Chair Anderson and Members:

My name is Lyle Moody, President of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA), an organization comprised of over six hundred (600) general contractors, subcontractors and construction related firms submitting **testimony in opposition** to Resolution 11-328, which is proposing an amendment to the revised charter of the City and County of Honolulu, relating to the public transit authority. GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii.

Rail is the biggest immediate job stimulus available in the state of Hawaii today. It would put thousands of our people back to work, and they will then put this money back into our economy. Today's economy has had a devastating effect on the construction industry and its work force. The solution is job creation of such a magnitude that it would put the greatest number of our people back to work in the shortest time.

It would not be sensible for the people of the City and County of Honolulu to be subject to yet another ballot question regarding the Rail project; instead we should be doing what we can to move the project forward.

Rail is transportation infrastructure necessary for our island's quality, growth and prosperity. But a significant side benefit is the economic stimulus effect it would bring to our entire state now.

GCA respectfully request that this Resolution be held. Thank you for the opportunity to express our views on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lyle Moody
President

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